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**"AN ACT CONCERNING UNIFORM INSPECTION PROCEDURES
FOR FARMERS' MARKETS, FARM PRODUCTS AND FRESH
PRODUCE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1,
4 2008, the Commissioners of Agriculture, Public Health and Consumer
5 Protection shall jointly develop standardized protocols and guidelines
6 for inspections by state and local officials of farmers' markets, as
7 defined in section 22-6r of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes.
8 In developing such protocols and guidelines, said commissioners shall
9 consult with interested parties, including, but not limited to, a
10 representative of an association of Connecticut farmers, farmers,
11 farmer's market masters and local public health officials.

12 (b) The protocols and guidelines developed pursuant to subsection

13 (a) of this section shall be disseminated to interested parties, including,
 14 but not limited to, farms, farmer's market masters and local public
 15 health officials. The means of dissemination may include, but need not
 16 be limited to, the Internet web site of the Department of Agriculture
 17 and the "Farmers' Market Reference Guide".

18 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2009, the
 19 Commissioners of Agriculture, Public Health and Consumer
 20 Protection shall submit a progress report on the development of the
 21 protocols and guidelines specified in subsection (a) of section 1 of this
 22 act to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
 23 cognizance of matters relating to public health and agriculture, in
 24 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section